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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Examiners in Optometry

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 29, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: July 24, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Joseph Senall, Professional Member, President

Dr. Jeffrey Hilovsky, Professional Member, Secretary

Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Patty Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Diane Maddex, Public Member Prameela Kaza, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Senall called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 27, 2013 meeting. Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky, to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Review of Continuing Education Request

Dr. Hilovsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to approve the following continuing education courses:

Eye Care of Delaware LLC Glaucoma Surgery: Laser, Trabs, Tubes and More, 5/8/2013, 2 hours

By unanimously vote, the motion carried.

Review of Applications for Internship

The Board reviewed the applications from Dr. Sara Shkalim and Dr. Cari Cinamella for internship. Dr. Hilovsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to approve Dr. Shkalim and Dr. Cinamella, to begin their 6-month internship. By unanimously vote, the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the application from Dr. Nickolas Shissias for internship. Dr. Hilovsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to grant contingent approval, for Dr. Shissias to begin his 6-month internship once the Board office receives his official transcript and scores. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Completion of Internship

The Board reviewed the letters from the supervising doctors of Dr. Sally Mikhail verifying that she has completed her 6-month internship.

Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky, to approve therapeutic optometrist licensure for Sally Mikhail for licensure. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Correspondence

The Board acknowledges the correspondence from Ronald L. Hopping, O.D., M.P.H. There was no action needed by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Ms. Davis-Oliva discussed with the Board a bill being presented during this legislation session. The Division of Professional Regulation is reaching out to all Boards and Commissions in the heath care professions to see if they would be interested in being included with this bill. The bill, if passed, will require all new applicants to provide fingerprints and a criminal background check at the time of initial application. Current licensed Optometrists would need to provide fingerprints and a criminal background check by January 2015. This bill will also preclude anyone with a felony sexual conviction from getting or keeping a license.

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After discussion of the bill, the Board determined that inclusion on this bill would be in the best interest of the public. Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky, to move ahead with Ms. Davis-Oliva adding the Board of Optometry to the other health care professions included on this bill. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the April meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.